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Mary Ann dopas, Secretary

In the Application of Herbert Gust

Ser.No.:

09/130,593

For:

COMPONENT COMPRISED OF AT LEAST ONE SUPPORT MEMBER AND AT LEAST ONE PART CONNECTED THERETO AS WELL AS METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A CONNECTION BETWEEN A SUPPORT MEMBER AND A PART OF SUCH COMPONENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Washington, DC 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING CPA APPLICATION

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed June 14, 2001, the Applicant files this

Preliminary Amendment with the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed concurrently
herewith in the above-referenced case.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner declined to enter the Applicant's Proposed

Amendment, filed June 5, 2001, after the Final Rejection of claims 1-25. As grounds for
refusing to enter the Proposed Amendment, the Examiner stated that the phrase the Applicant
proposed to add to the end of claim 1, if entered, would render the claims subject to a new
matter rejection. The Examiner stated he did not find support for the added references to (1)